MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Proclamation was issued before the Devaswom Department itself came into existence.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the authority in pursuance of which the G. O. referred to in the answer to part (*e*) has been issued ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No authority is necessary for issuing an administrative order.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): In answer to part (*f*) it is stated that the applicants are not given opportunity to question the truth or otherwise of the opinion from the Devaswom Department. May I know if the opinion of the Devaswom Department affects the disposal of the applications ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes in the same way as the parties are not given an opportunity to question the opinion of the Tahsildar, the parties are not given an opportunity to question the opinion of the Devaswom Department.

Applications for erection of places of worship received during 1105 and 1106.

159. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to the applications received from Christians during the years 1105 and 1106 for erecting places of worship, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1105 and 1106 ;

(*b*) the number of applications disposed of in 1105, 1106 and 1107 (till the end of Dhanu) ;

(*c*) the number of applications rejected ;

(*d*) the number of applications in which the opinion of the Devaswom Department was unfavourable ; and

(*e*) the number of applications which were opposed by the Devaswom Department, but which were finally allowed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*e*) A statement* showing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Import and sale of Bombay salt.

160. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of Bombay salt imported into this State during the years 1105 and 1106 ;

(*b*) the places where this salt is consumed ;

(*c*) whether any restriction has been placed in the sale of this salt ; and

(*d*) whether it is available in all the taluks alike ?

* *Vide* Appendix II—page iv.

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